THE
Method and Manner
Of Ryding the
PARLIAMENT,
With the Orders and Rules appointed thereanent.

I. THe Lord Regiſter is to call the Rolls of the Parliament at the Palace of *Holy-rood-houſe*, as the ſamen were called the laſt Parliament, and if any of the Members think themſelves prejudged, they may proteſt to ſave their Rights, and apply themſelves to the Parliament if they think fit.

II. In the Shires where there are double Elections, none of the Members contraverted are to Ride; but in ſuch Shires where there is one or more choſen undoubtedly by both Parties contraverting, they are to Ride.

III. The Magiſtrats of *Edinburgh* are to cauſe cleanſe the Streets of all Stones, Timber, or Rubbiſh from the Weigh-houſe to the Nether-bow; and the Baillies of the *Cannongate* are to take care the ſame be done from the Nether-bow to the Palace, and the Magiſtrats of *Edinburgh* are to cauſe Rail the Streets from the Parliament-Cloſs to the Nether-bow on both ſides of the Street.

IV. The Magiſtrats of *Edinburgh* are ordained to make a Lane of their Citizens in Arms and beſt Order, from the Lady ſteps to the Nether-bow, the Captains, Lieutenants and Enſigns being within the Rails, and the reſt without: Her Majeſties Foot Guards are to make the Lane from the Nether-bow to the Palace.

V. The ſaids Magiſtrats are appointed to Order, that there be no Shooting, or any diſplaying of Enſigns, nor beating of Drums during the Cavalcade; nor any Coaches, Carts, Slades, or Coal-horſes, to be ſeen within the Ports of *Edinburgh* after Ten in the Morning, till the whole Solemnity be over, under all higheſt Pains; And that the Magiſtrats of the *Cannongate* and Officers of Her Majeſties Foot-Guards take care, that no Coaches, Carts, Slades, or Coal-horſes, be ſeen or ſuffered to be on the Streets from the Nether-bow to the *Abbay*, or in the *Abbay* Cloſs after Ten of the Clock in the Morning that day the Parliament is ridden: The ſaids Magiſtrats of *Edinburgh* are to cauſe make, and place two Banks of Timber within the *Abbay-cloſs*, for mounting on Horſe-back, and two at the Lady ſteps for mounting on Horſe-back, and diſmounting.

VI.

VI. The Constable and Marishal Guards of Partizans, are to make a Lane from the *Lady-steps*, these of the Constables without, and these of the Marishals within the House, allowing the Constable six of his Guards within-doors, conform to the former Practice.

VII. Every Member of Parliament must Ryde, and the Absents incur sinning conform to the Acts of Parliament.

VIII. Where there are double Elections of Commissioners, none of these contraverted are to Ryde.

IX. The Nobility are to Ryde in their Robes and with Foot-mantles.

X. The Officers of State who are not Noble-men, and who have Gowns peculiar to their Offices, are to Ryde in these Gowns, and with Foot-mantles.

XI. The whole Members are to Ryde covered, except these who carry the Honours.

XII. The Lyon, Heraulds, Pursevants and Trumpets, Ryde immediately before the Honours; The Lyon in his Coat and Robe, Chain and Batton alone, and immediately before the Sword: The rest in their Coats and Foot-mantles bareheaded, in their accustomed Order.

XIII. The two Macers of Council, and four Macers of Session Ryde on each side of the Honours bareheaded with Foot-mantles, the two Macers of Council attending the Crown, and the four Macers of Session the Scepter and Sword.

XIV. The higher Degree, and most Honourable of that Degree, is to Ryde always last.

XV. Every Duke is to have eight Lackies, every Marques six, every Earl four, every Vilcount three, every Lord three, every Commissioner for a Shire two, and every Commissioner from Burghs one; And every Nobleman is to have a Gentleman bareheaded to bear up his Train, and these Gentlemen are at their Entry to the House to stand without the Bar.

XVI. The Noblemens Lackies may have over their Liveries Velvet Coats with their Badges, *i.e.* Their Crests and Motto's done on Plate, or Embroidered on their Back and Breast, conform to ancient Custom; or their ordinary Liveries.

XVII. The Constable and Marishal are in the Morning to wait on Her Majesties high Commissioner at the Palace, and to receive his Orders, and from thence, Returning privatly, the Constable is to come out of his Lodgings on Foot, and having viewed the Roomes under and above the Parliament House puts on his Robes and having his Batton in his Hand, sets himself in a Chair at the Entry of the Clos, at the Lady Steps by the outmost of his Guards, and from which he is to arise and salute the Members as they alight from their Horses, and to recommend them to the Gentlemen of his Guards, to be conducted to the Marishal Guards.

XVIII. The Marishal is also to attend in his Robes being set in a Chair at the head of his Guards, and to receive the Members (having his Batton in his hand) as they enter the Door.

XIX. The Officers of State who are Noblemen, so many of them as are in the Kingdom, are to Ryde up from the Abbay in their Robes about half an Hour before the Cavalcade, and to wait in the Parliament House, until the high Commissioner come, and then the High Chancellour is to take his own Purse in his hand, and to Usher him betwixt the Bar and the Throne.

XX.

XX. The whole Members of Parliament are to wait upon Her Majesties high Commissioner in the Guard Hall at Ten in the Morning, the Nobility being in their Robes, and the Servants and Horses are to attend in the Outter-Close.

XXI. The Lyon King at Arms in his Coat, Robe, Chain and Batton (to whose charge the Order of the Ryding is committed) with six Heraulds, six Pursevants and six Trumpets in their Coats attend likeways.

XXII. When Her Majesties high Commissioner is ready ; The Lord Register or such as he shall appoint, and Lyon standing together, each of them having a Roll in his hand, and the Rolls being Read, the Lyon is to call the Names of such of them as are to Ride according to their Order, and an Herauld is to call aloud at one of the Windows, and another Herauld is to stand at the Gate and see them do accordingly.

XXIII. The Members are to Ryde two and two, each degree by it self at some distance without mixing with any other Degree, so that if there fall to be one odd Member of one degree, he must Ryde alone.

XXIV. The Lord Register is to make up the Rolls of Parliament, both for the Ryding and Calling in the Parliament house, conform to the Rolls of the last Parliament, whereof he is to give the Lyon a just duplicat, except where there is just ground to alter the same ; and the Members are to Ryde as they are called ; But if they think themselves prejudged, they may protest in the same manner, as at the calling of the Rolls in the House, and may afterwards as they think fit apply themselves to the Parliament for a remedy.

XXV The Honours are to be carried immediatly before the high Commissioner, the Crown by the Earl of *Forfar*, because of the Marquis of *Douglas* his Minority ; the Scepter next to it by the eldest Earl present, and the Sword before it by the Earl next in order, and the Bearers are to Ryde one by one bare-headed.

XXVI. The Dukes and Marquisses are to Ryde after the high Commissioner at some distance, conform to the former custom.

XXVII. When Her Majesties High Commissioner alights from his Horse, the Lord Constable is to receive him, and to attend him to the Marishal Guards, and then both Constable and Marishal are to convoy him bare-headed to the Throne and are in the same manner to attend Him in His return to his Horse.

XXVIII. When the Members alight, the Servants and Horses are to remove & stand in the Land-mercat betwixt the Tolbooth and the Weigh-house, until the High Commissioner be upon his return to the Palace, and the Members are again to be called two by two, and the Servants with the Horses to be called accordingly from the Land-mercat, for their orderly mounting and returning to the Palace.

XXIX. The return to the Palace is to be in the same manner, with these two Alterations, *viz.* First, The Constable and Marishal Ryde on the High Commissioners Right and Left-hand, with Capes of Permission, the Constable on the Right, and the Marishal on the Left. *Secondly*, The Officers of State who are Noblemen, are not to take Horse until the High Commissioner be gone, and then are to Ryde at some distance after the Guards.

Order of Proceeding on Horse-back, to be performed the first day of the ensuing Parliament, by all the Members of Parliament, in Convoying his Grace Her Majesties High Commissioner, from the *Abbay* of *Holy-rood-house*, to the Parliament-Closs, and back again to the Palace, the sixth of *May* 1703.

About the space of half an Hour before the Ryding begin, the Lord High Chancellor, with the other Officers of State who are Noblemen, are to Ryde up in their Robes. The Lord high Chancellor having the Purse and Mace before him, and for this Time and Vice, the Lord President of the Privy Council on his Right Hand, and the Lord Privy Seal on his Left Hand.

Before the Commissioners from Burrows, the Troop of Horse Grandeers are to Ryde up.

Two Trumpets, in their Coats and Banners, bareheaded,
Two Pursevants in their Coats and Footmantles bareheaded,
The Commissioners of *Burrows*, two and two,
The Commissioners for Shires, two and two.
The Officers of State who are not Noblemen, two and two.
The Lords or Barrons of Parliament, two and two.
The Viscounts, two and two.
The Earls, two and two.
Four Trumpets, in their Coats and *Banners*, bare-headed, two and two.
Four Pursevants, in their Coats and Footmantles, bare-headed, two and two.
Six Heraulds, in their Coats and Footmantles bare-headed, two and two.
The Lyon King at Arms, in his Coat, Robe, Collar, Batton and Footmantle bare-headed,

Three Maces, with their Maces and Footmantles bare-headed.

The Sword of State Born by the Earl of bare-headed.
The Scepter Born by the Earl of bare-headed.
The Crown carried by the Earl of *Forfar* bare-headed, because of the Marquiss of *Douglass* his Minority.

Three Maces, with their Maces and Footmantles, bare-headed.

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Bearing the Purse with His Graces Commission.

His Grace, Her Majesties High Commissioner attended with his Servants, Pages and Footmen, and in the Return to the Palace, having the High Constable on His Right Hand, and the Marishal on His Left, with Capes of Permission, and their Robes.

The Dukes and Marquisses attending Her Majesties High Commissioner in their Robes.
The Captain of Her Majesties Guards on the Head of the Troop of Guards.

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